

REMARKS

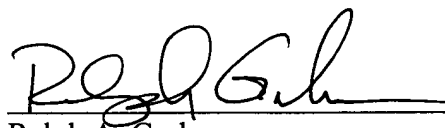
Prior to examination of the application, please amend claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 13-15 and add new claims 35-42. New claims 35-42 do not add any new matter and are fully supported throughout the specification. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-42 will be pending in the present application.

The addition of claims 35-42 increase the number of independent claims by one and the total number of claims by eight. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$ 230.00 for the additional claims, and any additional fees which may be required, to the credit card listed on the attached PTO-2038. However, if the PTO-2038 is missing, if the amount listed thereon is insufficient, or if the amount is unable to be charged to the credit card for any other reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. ITWO:0068/YOD for the additional amount.

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (281) 970-4545.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings by replacing the original sheet 3 of 4 of the drawings with the attached drawing sheet containing Figures 4, 5, and 6. Figures 4, 5, 6 have been amended to change one of the items incorrectly labeled as reference numeral "64" to reference numeral "62."